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Our Case No. 8465/17
P199701456 US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Nielsen et al.)
Serial No. 10/017,789) Examiner Patricia Bianco
Filing Date: December 13, 2001) Group Art Unit No. 3762
For MEDICAL PUNCTURING DEVICE)
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed November 19, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Application No. 10/017,789
Response filed March 19, 2004

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a Terminal Disclaimer is attached following page 10.

TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 8465/17 Client Ref. No. P199701456 US1 <i>3762</i>
Serial No. 10/017,789	Filing Date December 13, 2001	Examiner Patricia Bianco	Group Art Unit 3762
Inventor(s) Nielsen et al.	<i>MAR 22 2004</i>		
Title of Invention MEDICAL PUNCTURING DEVICE			



TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith are Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Amendment; Terminal Disclaimer; Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (in duplicate); Check for \$110.00 for one-month extension of time fee; Check for \$110.00 for terminal disclaimer fee; and postcard evidencing receipt of same.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Petition for a one month extension of time.
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- I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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